

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.
We have authorized Mr. CHAS. BUDDE to sign our Firm from this date.
HONGKONG, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Interest and Responsibility of the late Mr. G. JAMESON in our Firm ceased on the 30th September last.
The Business will in future be carried on by Mr. Z. BARTON under the Name or Style of JAMESON & BARTON, as heretofore.
JAMESON & BARTON.
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.
As my Engagement ceases in May next, all outstanding Accounts for the past Two Years must be sent in immediately for payment.
MARY HASTELOW RANDLE,
Superintendent.
Diocesan School,
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

MR. THOMAS PYKE has this day been admitted a Partner in our Firm.
BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.
The Business of the Undersigned will be carried on at Fiddler's Hill, Mr. EDWARD R. HOLMES having retired from his share.
GEO. HOLMES,
Ship and General Broker.
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.
MESSRS. H. P. M. WACHTEL and H. ALPHE OHTMANS are to be Partners in our Firm since the 31st December ultimo.
GAYMANS & Co.
Nagasaki, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
MR. RYLE HOLME has been admitted a partner in our Firm.
GLOVER & Co.
Nagasaki, January 1, 1867.

NOTICE.
The Interest and Responsibility of Mr. A. D. MORGAN in our Firm, ceased on the 31st day of December, 1867.
A. FERGUSON & Co.
Hongkong, January 3, 1868.

NOTICE.
FROM and after this date Mr. GEORGE F. BOWMAN will act as AGENT of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this Port.
S. L. PHELPS,
Agent.
Hongkong, August 15, 1867.

NOTICE.
MY Business, as Ship and Insurance Broker, Commission Agent, &c. hitherto carried on by myself, will henceforward be conducted under the style or Firm of J. S. HOOK, SON & Co.
J. S. HOOK.
Hongkong, September 23, 1867.

NOTICE.
I HAVE this day commenced Business as Ship Broker.
S. L. HEINEMANN.
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.
The Interest and Responsibility of Mr. A. FERGUSON in our Firm ceased on the 1st day of November, 1866.
A. FERGUSON & Co.

NOTICE.
The Business will be henceforth carried on under the name Name by the Undersigned.
A. D. MITCHELL,
D. MEYERS,
and
HENRY FELLIS.
Hongkong, December 16, 1867, de 16-68

NOTICE.
I HAVE this day established myself, as Public Tea Inspector and GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT, at this Port, under the style and Firm of GUNDEY & Co.
ALFRED A. GUNDEY.
Shanghai, June 1, 1865

NOTICE.
I HAVE established myself at this Port as a General Commission Merchant, under the style and Firm of GIFFORD F. PARKER & Co.
GIFFORD FORBES PARKER.
Sagion, December 30, 1867.

WALL & FORTZ,
General & Commission Agents.
NAGASAKI.

NOTICE.
FROM and after this date, Captain J. O. SAUNDERS will act as the Business of my Marine Surveying at this Port.
H. J. DRING,
Marine Surveyor.
Fochow, August 1, 1867.

NOTICE.
WITH reference to the above, the business hitherto carried on by H. J. DRING, Esq. at Fochow will be conducted by the Undersigned.
J. O. SAUNDERS,
Chop Min,
Pagoda Anchorage,
Fochow.

NOTICE.
DURING the absence of Mr. J. H. LADD from the Colony, Mr. T. COVING LADD is authorised to sign our firm per pro.
LADD & Co.
Hongkong, January 16, 1868.

NOTICE.
The Partnership hitherto existing between DORINDO DO ROZARIO, ALEXANDRE MARCAL, JR. and ANTONIO DOS SANTOS in the Printing Office at Fochow, was dissolved on the 12th November, 1867.
ROZARIO & Co.
Fochow, November 16, 1867.

NOTICE.
WITH reference to the above, the Business hitherto carried on by Messrs ROZARIO & Co. as Printers in Fochow, will be conducted by the Undersigned, who have this day established themselves as Printers under the Firm of ROZARIO, MARCAL & Co.
DORINDO DO ROZARIO,
ALEXANDRE MARCAL, JR.
Fochow, November 16, 1867.

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NOTICE.
The Interest and Responsibility of Mr. W. A. STURROCK in our Firm ceased yesterday by lapse of time.
BOYD & Co.
Amoy, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
The interest and responsibility of Mr. W. C. VAN OORDT in our firm ceased on the 1st January, 1868.
BOSMAN & Co.
Hongkong, November 19, 1867.

NOTICE.
I have this day established myself as a General Commission Merchant under the style or firm of VAN OORDT & Co.
(Sd)
W. C. VAN OORDT.
Yokohama, October 24, 1867.

Houses and Lands.

TO LET.
THE Premises situated in Queen's Road, Stanley Street, and at present occupied by Messrs H. MANN & Co.
For particulars, apply to
LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.
Hongkong, 6th September, 1867.

TO BE LET.
TWO New and Strong GODOWNS on Marine Lot No. 63.
Apply to
GAVIN THOMPSON,
at Grass, LITTON & Co.'s.
Hongkong, December 16, 1867.

TO LET.
FOUR Large ROOMS on Second Floor above the Offices of the Undersigned, 44, Queen's Road, at present occupied by Messrs C. HOOK & Co. Possession can be taken on the 1st of January, 1868.
For Terms, &c., apply to
J. S. HOOK SON & Co.
Hongkong, November 6, 1867.

TO LET.
TWO or three Rooms, suitable for Offices, or otherwise, near the Praya, West.
Apply to
J. S. HOOK SON & Co.
Hongkong, September 3, 1867.

TO LET.
THE whole or part of a HOUSE situated in Queen's Road Central.
For particulars, apply to
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, January 24, 1867.

LIGHTERAGE AND STORAGE.
The Undersigned will undertake to land Cotton, Rice, Coal, and other Merchandise, in their own Boats, and to receive the same on STORAGE in First-class Granite godowns, on Moderate Terms.
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.
Hongkong, March 4, 1866.

TO LET.
THE FIRST FLOOR of the House No. 34, Queen's Road Central, corner of Gibson Street, consisting of three spacious Rooms, Verandah and Outhouses, well adapted for Offices.
Apply to
Wm. SCHMIDT & Co.
Grunmakers.
Hongkong, October 2, 1867.

TO LET.
THE PREMISES situated at Fiddler's Wharf, lately occupied by Messrs AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co. Possession can be taken on the 1st of January 1868.
For further particulars, apply to
THOS. HUNT & Co.
Hongkong, December 30, 1867.

TO LET.
TWO HOUSES on Carlton Terrace, Spring Gardens, with or without Godowns, rent moderate.
Apply to
LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.
Hongkong, 6th September, 1867.

TO LET.
A BRICK and Stone Built GODOWN at A Watch, capable of containing about 10,000 pkts.
Apply to
OLYPHANT & Co.
Hongkong, October 3, 1867.

TO BE LET.
Furnished or Unfurnished.
THE Dwelling HOUSE in the Albany at present occupied by Mr. R. MASON. Occupation can be had in a few weeks. Application can be made to Mr. MASON at the Albany.
Hongkong, September 26, 1867.

TO LET.
THE extensive and eligible PREMISES, Corner of Hollywood Road and Shelley Street, lately in the occupation of H. M. Government.
Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, September 4, 1867.

TO LET.
A LARGE ROOM fronting the Queen's Road, suitable for either an Office or a Shop.
Apply at the
MEDICAL HALL,
Queen's Road,
Hongkong, September 20, 1867.

TO BE LET.
A SHOP, situated in the best part of the Queen's Road, with Show Cases and Fittings complete.
N.B.—Two First Floor Rooms can be had with above, if required.
Address "Z." care of Hongkong Dispensary.
Hongkong, November 28, 1867.

TO LET.
THE OFFICE and GODOWN situated at the corner of Wellington and Aberdeen Streets, and at present in the occupation of Messrs ELMANSON & SANDERS.
For particulars, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, March 6, 1866.

TO LET.
FURNISHED or UNFURNISHED OFFICES in BANK BUILDINGS, immediately opposite the Hotel Company's Premises.
Also,
Coach HOUSE and STABLES for 5 Horses, situated on the Robinson Road; Water and Gas laid on, with the use of an Enclosed Grazing Paddock adjoining.
For further particulars, apply to
MR. EDMUND SHARP,
Solicitor.
Hongkong, August 20, 1867.

Houses and Lands.

TO LET.
N. 1, PECHILL TERRACE,
Elgin Street.
Apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, May 24, 1867.

TO LET.
AN OFFICE with Godown and Commodore's Room.
Apply to
MELOCHERS & Co.
Hongkong, October 1, 1866.

Auctions.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.
In re SOON ANN & LOH-WAH THIAN
TAN YOK KOON v. DITO.
BOWRA & Co. will sell by Public Auction, by order of M. S. TONG, Esq., Sheriff of Hongkong, (under a writ of fi-fa), on
THURSDAY,
the 23rd January, 1868, at Noon, ON BOARD,—
A JUNK, (of about 5,000 Piculs Capacity or thereabouts), her Tackle, Apparel, and Furniture, as the now lies off the Harbor Master's office.
Also,
Her Armament, consisting of—
8 GUNS, 12 Pounders.
2 " 9 " "
10 MUSKETTS, and Matchlocks, a quantity of Shot, a few barrels of Powder, (stored at the Powder Hulk), &c., &c.
TERMS of SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.17.
The Vessel, Arms, &c., with all faults and errors of description whatsoever, at Purchaser's risk upon full of the hammer.
Hongkong, January 20, 1868. 23ja

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, at their Godown in Aberdeen Street, (for account of the concerned) on
THURSDAY,
the 23rd instant, at 11 o'clock,
About 360 RIFLES (long and short Enfields) damaged by the late fire.
TERMS of SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.17.
MORGAN LAMBERT & Co.
Hongkong, January 20, 1868. 23ja

PUBLIC AUCTION.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will hold a Horse and Carriage Auction, by the kind permission of the Commandant of the Garrison, on the Parade Ground, on
TUESDAY,
the 28th January, at 4.30 o'clock P.M.
When will be offered for sale some excellent and elegant English-built CARRIAGES, and HORSES.
Full particulars of the sale will be advertised a day or two later.
Hongkong, January 20, 1868. 28ja

New Advertisements.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.
The Steamship
"YESSO,"
Captain ASHTON, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.
Hongkong, January 20, 1868.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI & YOKOHAMA.
THE P. & O. Co.'s Steamship
"NIPHON,"
will leave for the above places at Noon, on Wednesday, the 22nd instant.
W. MACAULAY,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, January 20, 1868. 22ja

WANTED.
BY a Gentleman just arrived, a Situation as BOOK-KEEPER and ACCOUNTANT, a Good shorthand writer; thoroughly understands Shipping and Insurance. Address "H. B. B." Office of this paper.
Hongkong, January 18, 1868.

POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.
MAILS WILL CLOSE—
FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.—
Mails per "FURMOSA" will close at 5 A.M. To-morrow, instead of at the time previously notified.
FOR SHANGHAI & YOKOHAMA.—
Mails per "NIPHON" will close at 11 A.M. the 22nd instant, at 11 A.M.

UNDER DESPATCH.
For Shanghai and Yokohama.—Per Niphon on Wednesday next, the 22nd instant, at 11 A.M.
For Swatow, Amoy and Fochow.—Per Formosa, To-morrow, the 21st inst. at 7 A.M.

ARRIVAL.
Jan. 20, Nephos, Portuguese barque, 385, G. W. Kipp, Newcastle, N.S.W.; Nov. 24, 640 tons Oals.—Wm. FUSAD & Co.

DEPARTURES.
Jan. 19, Alexandra, for Whampoa. 19, Melina, for Bangkok. 19, Paramatta, for Bangkok. 19, Arnie, for Cape St. James. 20, Eagle, for Whampoa. 20, Prince Albert, for Whampoa. 20, Gloria, for Nagasaki.

CLEARED.
The Prussian barque Nephos, from Newcastle N.S.W., reports fine weather, wind from southerly, till 20th Nov. then had variable weather, till light squalls; rain, then had light wind and calm till cleared the time on 27th Dec.; had light southerly wind until lat. 7° N. long. 163° E.; then had steady N.E. wind until arrival in Hongkong on 29th Jan.; 67 days out.

ESTABLISHED IN 1863.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST.
GEORGE STRAUMAN,
GENERAL NEWS AGENT.
506, Washington Street, 506,
OPPOSITE WASHINGTON MARKET,
SAN FRANCISCO.

EXTRAORDINARY INDUCEMENT
TO SUBSCRIBERS TO ATLANTIC PERIODICALS AND MAGAZINES.

Atlantic Periodicals.
Harper's Monthly Magazine, \$4.00 \$2.00
Godey's Lady's Book, 4.00 2.00
Atlantic Monthly, 4.00 2.00
Our Young Folk's Magazine, 2.50 1.50
Spare Hours Magazine, 2.50 1.50
Leslie's Lady's Magazine, 4.00 2.00
Drapery and Mirror of Fashion, 4.00 2.00
Home & Home, 4.00 2.00
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Ladies' Repository, 4.00 2.00
New York Old Guard, 4.00 2.00
Monthly Novelle, 2.50 1.50
American Miscellany, 3.00 2.00
Eclectic Magazine, 6.00 3.00
Hunt's Merchant's Magazine, 6.00 3.00
Banker's Magazine, 6.00 3.00
Le Bon Ton, 6.00 3.00
De Bow's Review, 6.00 3.00
Catholic World Magazine, 6.00 3.00
The Northern Lights, 8.00 4.00
Ladies' Retrospect, 3.00 1.50
Hall's Journal of Health, 2.00 1.25
Ballou's Magazine, 2.00 1.25
Phrenological Journal, 2.50 1.50
Yankee Notions—Comic, 2.00 1.00
Leslie's Budget of Fun—Comic, 2.00 1.00
Merryman's Monthly, 3.00 1.50
Comic Monthly, 2.00 1.00
Plumny Phallow—Comic, 2.00 1.00
The Nursery Mother's Magazine, 3.00 1.50
American Agriculturist, 3.00 1.50
Monthly parts—All the Year Round, 7.00 3.50
Once a Week, 7.00 3.50
Every Saturday, 7.00 3.50
Omniver's Corner, 7.00 3.50
Boys and Girls, 4.00 2.00
If D., 4.00 2.00
N. Y. Herald for California, 2.00 1.00
Police Gazette, 5.00 2.50
Clipper, 5.00 2.50
Home Journal, 4.00 2.00
Weekly Tribune, 4.00 2.00
N. Y. Times, 5.00 3.00
Sunday Atlas, 4.00 2.00
Sunday Dispatch, 4.00 2.00
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World, 4.00 2.00
Independent, 4.00 2.00
Lendary, 5.00 2.50
Ledger, 4.00 2.00
Leslie's Pictorial, 5.00 2.50
Chimney Corner, Ill'd, 5.00 2.50
Day Book, 4.00 2.00
News—Democratic, 4.00 2.00
Freeman's Journal, 4.00 2.00
Metropolitan Record, 4.00 2.00
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Irish People, F. B. O'gan, 4.00 2.00
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Irish American, 4.00 2.00
Scientific American, Illustrated, 4.00 2.00
Artisan, 4.00 2.00
American Journal of M., 4.00 2.00
National Freeman, 3.00 1.75
Wilkes' Spirit of the Times, 6.00 3.00
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Donner's Young A'ea, 2.00 1.00
Sabbath at Home, 3.50 1.75
Riverside Magazine for Young Folks, 4.00 2.00
Die Galaxy-Seminar, 7.00 3.50
Oliver Optic, 3.50 1.75
Leslie's Illustration American, 16.00
Country Gentleman, 4.00 2.00
Boston Weekly Journal, 4.00 2.00
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Wide World, 3.00 1.50
American Union, 4.00 2.00
Flag of Our Union, 6.00 3.00
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Waverly Magazine, 6.00 3.00
Banner of Light, 4.00 2.00
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Literary Companion, Illustrated, 4.00 2.00
Investigator, (Liberal), 3.00 1.75
Transcript, 3.50 1.75
American News, Ill'd, 5.00 2.50
Illustrated Police News, 6.00 3.00
Philadelphia Forney's War Press, 4.00 2.00
Saturday Evening Post, 4.00 2.00
Sunday Dispatch, 4.00 2.00
St. Louis Weekly Republican, 4.00 2.00
New Bedford Mercury, 4.00 2.00
Indiana State Journal, 4.00 2.00
Ohio Statesman, 4.00 2.00
Crisis, 4.00 2.00
Detroit Free Press, 4.00 2.00
Chicago Tribune, 4.00 2.00
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MATERIAL PROGRESS.

Nothing affords a surer index of what are termed "China ideas," (by which we mean the tone of foreign society in this part of the world,) than a comparison between the constant complaints of "bad times" and the material progress of the Colony. We are fully prepared to admit that those who complain mean exactly what they say when they declare that China is no longer what it used to be—and, more than that, to admit that their statement is correct. Five short years are no longer a sufficient period in which to assess a competence for life. European clerks are no longer at a premium, and the new arrival who has come out on speculation only is likely to find himself "nowhere" after a short residence, unless aided by a fortunate chance. But while admitting that the society of Hongkong and the open ports has arrived at a state analogous to that of home, and that the days of lucky adventuring are well-nigh past, we must admit that a residence in China still presents advantages superior to those afforded in the yet more crowded ranks of home competition. It is not so much that fortune has deserted those who have found employment as that all vacancies are filled up. The commercial crisis which has ruined so many houses has, comparatively speaking, left the prospects of the great body of junior employees unaffected, while a strong presumption of the vitality of Hongkong is afforded by the development of new schemes of enterprise. Whatever may be the beliefs of those who profess to dread a transference of our commerce to the shoal-choked harbor of Macao, or the now classic harbor of Canton, or the "old factory site" of Canton, or whose imagination pictured the copper-colored fisherman drying his nets in the deserted arches of the Oriental Bank, they cannot but be struck with the contrast between their dismal forebodings and the actual progress visible around them. In the centre of the busy town there is rising day by day a magnificent pile, which, it is anticipated, will be worthy of its title as the City Hall of the Colony. Scarce a stone has been above it, a foreign Hong Kong, whose operations fairly bring its principles within the pale of the "Merchant princes" of the East, has just been rebuilt at an enormous cost, while the space on which it stands and the public ground adjoining is faced by a massive granite wall of which the mortar is scarcely dry while mournful prophesies of the cessation of all enterprise are still ringing in our ears. Further to the Eastward the new barracks, in all the glory of new brick and unsold whitewash, meet the eye. In the centre of the town, the new Hotel has, despite ridicule, apprehension and lukewarmness on the part of some of its shareholders, become an accomplished fact, and by no means ugly, fact. Further to the westward, the ruins of the late great fire are alive with builders and masons, and present an appearance as little conforming to an intention to desert the colony on the part of their owners as can well be conceived. Alterations innumerable are taking place all over the city in house fronts and verandahs, roads are being levelled and installed, while Saturday's *Gazette* invites tenders for the construction of a sea-wall west of the Harbour Master's office, where outtings for foundations have already commenced, and the busy Chinaman will ere long be occupied in completing a praya which for extent is almost unrivalled in the East. The Pacific Mail Company also are building premises which will be no slight addition to the many fine buildings which Hongkong already possesses. In fact, whether as regards public or private works, whether it be by the Government, amongst the leaders of the China Mercantile world, or the less ostentatious (but oftentimes richer) "compradors," signs of enterprise meet the eye and ear on every hand. There appears to be a tendency on the part of some to confuse the prospects of the Colony with those of individual firms, and to argue from their downfall, the general disaster of the Colony. We are not blind to the sad results which have attended the failures of the many colonial houses which have of late succumbed, and whose names alone would occupy no inconsiderable space to detail. But the causes which in a majority of cases led to their downfall are, as a rule, preventable, and there is yet hope for the future to those who avoid their errors. That this conviction is widely entertained the material progress to which we have adverted—and which is but a title of the many directions in which private enterprise is being displayed—is a sure proof. And at the beginning of a new year it is well to place on record the fact that, despite the disasters of the past, despite Cotton combinations, stamp acts and gambling licenses, the vitality of the colony, as evidenced by its architectural undertakings, is still unimpaired.

P. O. NOTICES.

Amongst the suggestions regarding minor matters of official detail which have reached us, is one relating to the Post office, which is so sensible that we have little doubt that it will meet with attention on the part of the Postmaster General. There is a general complaint respecting the notices affixed to the outside of the post office regarding outgoing mails; inasmuch as between certain hours the iron railing interposes an insuperable bar (or bars) to their perusal by the "outside" public. We are aware that some time since the notices in question were "left out of doors," as Mr. Farrington has it, being suspended on the outside of the railings. But certain witless youths not having the fear of the P. M. G. before their eyes, scribbled on and defaced the notices to the annoyance of that officer and the bringing into contempt of government notifications. It was accordingly found necessary to treat the public as keepers do monkeys—by placing anything they could deface at a respectable distance the other side of the railings against which they perform their antics. This arrangement, however, is in reality an inconvenience to the more sober portion of the public who desire to consult the notices, and we would suggest the erection of boards bearing the mail notices in large painted letters with moveable wooden slides to denote the hours of departure. This would permit of the boards being kept within the railings, where they would be readable by persons of average sight, and their erection would not be a serious charge upon the revenue of the Post Office.

LOCAL.

The Band of the 73rd Regt. will perform in the Public Gardens on Tuesday, the 21st Instant, commencing at 4 o'clock P.M. The following is the programme:—

Overture, "Das Nachtlager in Granada" Kreutzer
Quadrille, "Minuet Pass" Gringl
Selection, "La Dame Blanche" Boieldieu
Valse, "Waldteiler" Kuhnert
Gaiety, "Martha" Biele
M. E. Troy, Band Sergeant, Conductor.

MR. DE SOLLA'S CONCERTS.
The Concert on Saturday evening drew a tolerably good house, and the performance went off with spirit. Miss Dashwood was enthusiastically encoined at the conclusion of her song of the *Yankee Girl*, but responding to the call of the audience, she having to appear again in a few minutes in the duet "The Broadway Search." Miss Marian Ridgway performed her part of the programme in her usual exquisitely finished style and her execution of De Beriot's sixth was perfection itself. Judging from the expressions of approbation exhibited by the audience of Saturday evening, this talented lady will doubtless have a cordial reception on the occasion of her benefit, which we observe is advertised for to-morrow evening. Mr. De Solia sang the "Pilgrim of Love" gracefully and well, but as we before remarked, he is placed at a great disadvantage as a singer, in playing the accompaniment to his songs. Master de Solia came in for a large share of applause, and in answer to an encore Mr. de Solia begged the indulgence of the audience of him, he having another song to sing. The programme was almost entirely new, but we incline to the belief that it was not so effective and varied as the former ones, but we note that a total change is to be made to-morrow.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.
His Excellency Sir Richard Graves MacDonnell has, with the approval of the Major General Commanding, appointed provisionally, and till further notice, Captain John T. Bolton Mayne, 73rd Regiment to be Aide-de-Camp from the 1st instant, inclusive. By Command, O. C. S. Smith, Acting Colonial Secretary, Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 13th January, 1868.

Tenders will be received at this Office, till Noon of the 3rd Proximo, for the construction of a Sea Wall, and Reclamation from the Sea, West of the Harbour Master's Office. Plans and Specifications may be seen at the Surveyor General's Office. By Command, O. C. S. Smith, Acting Colonial Secretary, Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th January, 1868.

His Excellency Sir Richard Graves MacDonnell is pleased to direct that, until further notice, the only Anchorage in the waters of Hongkong for Foreign Vessels of War, and Foreign Cruisers of every description and Nationality, shall be within the following Boundaries.

Western Boundary. A line running from the Government Wharf to the "Melville" Hospital Ship.

Northern Boundary. A line running from the "Melville" Hospital Ship to the Eastern Boundary.

Eastern Boundary. A line running from St. Francis' Hospital towards Kowloon Point till it meets the Northern Boundary.

The above Regulation does not refer to Vessels driven by stress of weather, or any exceptional circumstances to take up temporary anchorages. By Command, O. C. S. Smith, Acting Colonial Secretary, Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th January, 1868.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
The half-yearly general meeting of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce was held on Saturday afternoon, at the rooms in Queen's Road. Hon. P. Ryrie in the chair. The Secretary read the report of the committee, the publication of which, owing to its being at present in the hands of the printer, we are obliged to hold over. Owing to an accidental omission, no reports were present at the meeting, but the following outline of what occurred has been supplied.

Mr. PARRY in moving the adoption of the Report, alluded to the satisfactory manner in which the business of the Chamber had been conducted under the present Chairmen, and was sure the satisfaction he felt in taking notice of the more active proceedings marking the past year, would be endorsed by all persons present. While he recognized the improved position of the Chamber with respect to its greater prominence, he must take exception to its silence

at a time when, if ever, its prompt action was called for. He alluded to the attempt made by the Canton Chamber to remove a considerable portion of the trade of this place to Canton, which had been felt by all persons interested in Commercial matters, notwithstanding which the Chamber had taken no steps to avert the progress of what might have been serious in its results. The community had to thank His Excellency the Governor for acting without any request having been presented to the Government, who, by presenting remonstrances upon the Chinese authorities by means of H.M.'s Consul, had obtained the assistance of the Governor-General of Canton, who by proclamation had put an end to the vexatious combinations. He hoped that should in future any equally momentous circumstances occur, the Chamber would be first to move in the matter, and not wait for the action of the Government. As the Chamber was supposed to take cognizance of all matters bearing upon the progress of commerce, he begged to draw attention to the fact that the Viceroy of India had authorized the preparation of an expedition at Rangoon to proceed through Burma, for the purpose of exploring the country between the frontier of the Burmese territory, and Yunnan, in Western China. He had not seen mention made of this proposed date of departure of the expedition, and suggested that it should be ascertained, and the usual procedure should be followed in communicating with the Chinese authorities, informing them of the departure of the expedition, and requesting preparations to be made to give it a suitable reception, and safe conduct on its arrival in Chinese territory. The meeting was probably aware that Consul Swinburn had been deputed by the Government to the coast of the coast ports of Hainan, and to explore the interior of that island. He understood it was also intended that a visit should be made to ports on the West coast, and that the western coast of the promontory of Luichow, a place comparatively unknown, should be explored. He thought this movement of sufficient importance to allow of his proposing that endeavours be made to find a merchant vessel who could, if permission could be obtained, proceed with Consul Swinburn, as representative of the Chamber. Any person versed in the wants of the Chinese and acquainted with the ordinary articles of import and export, would be able to judge whether an extension of trade was possible. He should be glad to learn that the ideas he expressed led to practical consideration of the matter.

The Chairman said in reply that he quite agreed with the Hon. Member in his remarks regarding the inactivity of the Chamber in the matter of the attempt on the part of the guild of Canton Cotton Dealers, to force the Cotton trade away from this place; it was a matter which should have occupied the attention of the Chamber immediately on the combination being discovered. He (the Chairman) was unfortunately absent in Shanghai at the time. On his going north the Chairman of the Chamber was left by him in the able hands of the Vice Chairman (Mr. Nissen), who left unexpectedly for Europe soon after and nothing was done, which was to be regretted, but he thought he could assure the meeting that in any future attempt by the Canton Chinese or others, to injure the trade of the place, the Chairman would not remain inactive. 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